

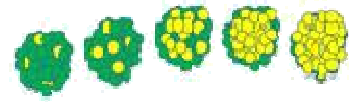
# The CTA Foundation for Teaching and Learning

## CTA Institute for Teaching

### *Ending the Dropout Epidemic - Focusing on What Works*

Conference Schedule – August 29 – 30, 2008

**Conference Agenda**  
**August 29, 2008**  
**8:30 am to 5:00 pm**



- 8:30 am Continental Breakfast  
*Come early . . . Enjoy the Conversation and Meet Great People.*
- 9:00 am Welcome to CTA Region 2: Marlene Bell, CTA Assistant Executive Director
- 9:15 am Strength-Based Thinking and Reframing School Change
- 9:45 am Introducing the Positive Deviance (PD) Approach and CTA IFT Grant to Reduce Dropouts
- 10:30 am Morning Break and Conversation
- 10:45 am Continuing the Conversation: PD Approach and CTA IFT Grant to Reduce Dropouts
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Special Film Presentation: *They Are Not All Lost*
- 1:30 pm Introducing the PD Statewide Planning Team to Reduce Dropouts
- 1:45 pm Breakout Sessions
- CTA IFT PD Grant to Reduce Dropouts
  - Appreciative Inquiry and School Change
  - How Cultural Values, Beliefs, and Attitudes Influence School Success
- 3:00 pm Afternoon Break and Conversation
- 3:15 pm Breakout Sessions
- Unconscious Bias in the Classroom : A Case Study
  - Organizing the PD Statewide Planning Team
  - GameDesk: Redefining Education through Games Curriculum
- 4:30 pm Feedback Session: Reactions, Support, and Participation
- 5:00 pm Adjournment
- 5:15 pm Reception  
*Be our guest . . . Keep the Conversation Going.*

**Conference Agenda**  
**August 30, 2008**  
**8:30 am to 5:00 pm**



- 8:30 am Continental Breakfast  
*Come early . . . Enjoy the Conversation and Meet Great People.*
- 9:00 am Welcome Back
- 9:15 am CTA IFT Grant to Reduce Dropouts: Round One: Conversations, Engagement, and Reactions
- 10:45 am Morning Break and Conversation
- 11:00 am CTA IFT Grant to Reduce Dropouts: Round Two: Conversations, Engagement, and Reactions
- 12:30 pm Lunch Break
- 1:00 pm *Keynote : Jenifer Fox, Your Child's Strengths: Discover Them, Develop Them, Use Them*
- 1:45 pm Breakout Sessions
- CTA IFT Grant to Increase Student Retention and Graduation Rates: Getting Started
  - How Cultural Values, Beliefs, and Attitudes Influence School Success
  - Strength-Based Approaches to Teaching and Learning
- 3:00 pm Afternoon Break
- 3:15 pm Breakout Sessions
- How Cultural Values, Beliefs, and Attitudes Influence School Success
  - Unconscious Bias in the Classroom : A Case Study
  - Appreciative Inquiry and School Change
- 4:30 pm Wrap-up: Patterns, Reactions and Conditions for Success
- 5:00 pm Adjournment